

MINUTES
New Castle City Planning Commission Parking Study Sub-Committee Meeting
May 21, 2013 – 4 p.m.
City of New Castle Town Hall

Members Present: Dr. Joanne Viola, Chair
Andrew Hayes
Gail Seitz
Jonathan Justice
Sandra Scott

Members Absent: Lt. Adam Brams
Susan Marinelli
Jim Vincent
Heather Dunigan, WILMAPCO

Dr Viola called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Approval of the minutes of the 4/16/13 meeting was deferred until the next meeting.

A report on the parking survey was presented to the Planning Commission at their March meeting. Survey results were published in the *New Castle Weekly* and the city's website.

Questions and comments were taken from community members in attendance.

- Councilman Vannucci discussed the history of the parking committee that was convened in 1992. He offered his assistance with the work of the committee.
- An apparent rumor has been circulating about the building of a two-story parking garage on West 3rd Street. The audience was assured that no such recommendation has been made.
- Enforcement of current parking issues and inappropriate parking of recreational and delivery vehicles are concerns.
- Develop guidelines for “courtesy” concerning the number of vehicles per residence and guest parking, and the use of community lots for families with multiple vehicles.

Following public discussion the committee discussed the path forward. A list of issues, with task assignments, will be analyzed for timing and recommendations.

- Inconsistency of current curb and signage issues, and handicapped access, current enforcement issues: Lt. Brams, Councilman Vannucci, Joanne Viola
- Review of current City Code regulations: Jonathan Justice

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- Potential for additional off-street parking: Sandra Scott, Joanne Viola
- An optimum mixed-use parking plan for businesses and residents: Drew Hayes, Jonathan Justice.
- Merits of a residential permitting process including administrative and enforcement costs: Gail Seitz, Heather Dunigan

The following issues are being addressed in cooperation with the Way Finding Project:

- Improved directional signage for current parking lots;
- Enhancement of pedestrian and bicycling experience.

Next Meeting – The next subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 6/13/13, at 4 p.m.

Agenda priority for this meeting will be a tentative time line for the tasks for the Planning Commission.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

(Debbie Turner, Stenographer, not present at meeting; minutes prepared from recording.)